RIDGE WAS NEEDED. SO IT WAS TAKEN

Sir Arthur Currie Tells of the Feats of Canadians at Passchendaele.

FEWER CASUALTIES

Denies That He is in Bad Health and Has Asked for a Furlough.

Ottawa, March 7 .- A denial of the guarantees. report that his health had failed and that he had asked for a furlough is contained in a private letter written by Sir Arthur Currie, commander Canadian forces, to F. McCurdy, parliamentary sec-

retary of the department of militia and defense, on Jan. 31 last. "My United States Soldiers Occupy health was never better than it has been this winter," says Sir Arthur, who makes some interesting observa-tions on the operations of the Canadian troops

"I am very glad to be able to tell you," he writes, "that everything is going very well with us at the preshope that some one will take it upon in motor trucks over roads an inch themselves to write the story of that deep in dust. They found themselves year's campaign. It seemed like one in a section of Lorraine where the continuous battle, and one continu- ground rose in slight grades. In some ous series of successes. What is an cases the enemy lines were half a mile interesting thing to me, and a fact which I am sure would scarcely be they had been in the trenches, the for if the Germans' conception of governments of the control of th the multitude, is that less than during 1916. When I make this remark I am not taking the fourth division into consideration, be-cause it was not present during all of 1916. According to what one hears from time to time there seems to be quite a lot of talk about the casualties during last year."

connection to the fighting at Hill 70, lines with the greatest freedom. The foment attacks and partition our terand the impression which some artiflery has been only intermittently ritory, it is not a war for Serbia or people in Canada have formed that active, but usually a few shells are Alsace-Lorraine, or even for Belgium. the casualties suffered there were the exchanged every hour-heaviest that the corps had suffered in any engagement, and says: "That was a most ridiculously untrue statement and from the standpoint of comparison of our casualties with we inflicted on the Germans. was one of the most, if not the most, successful operations we have ever

Fighting at Passchendaele. With reference to the fighting in October and November of 1917, he says: "We all know that the casualties were heavy at Passchendaele. Before the battle started. I stated to the higher authorities just what I thought the operations would cost, and I was within 200 of what they actually did cost. We have never

fought under worse conditions."
All previous attempts to take the
Passchendaele Ridge had failed, the general observes; the position had to taken, or much of the season's fighting in that area would have counted for naught. "The corps was aken there for the especial purpose of making sure that the ridge was taken before the winter set in arrived at a bad season of the year, smuch as bad weather had set in which makes going in that part of the country particularly had. Then Wednesday, March 6 .- An American paagain it was at the end of a cam-

manner to the training, the discipline and the leadership of the officers of the corps.'

In closing his letter he says: "We are all very proud of, and have been nspired by the message Canada sent to us on Dec. 17. We are more than ever proud of our homeland, and more than ever determined to hold her honor sacred."

Government to Amalgamate Customs and Inland Revenue

Ottawa, March 7.-It is understood that in connection with the cabinet reorganization made necessary by the defeat of Hon. Albert Sevigny and Hon. P. E. Blondin, that the governmenf will add the department of inland revenue to the customs department, thereby reducing the number of gov ernment departments by one.

The bringing into force on April 1 of war-time prohibition will have a tendency to greatly reduce the import ance of the inland revenue department. and a decision to make it a sub-deent of the department of customs would occasion no surprise here.

PATRIOTIC FUND AT PARIS.

Paris, Friday, March 8 .- Beginning of Paris, Friday, March 8.—Beginning on Tuesday of next week, Paris will seek to raise the sum of \$20,000 for the Patrictic Fund. On Sunday all local ministers will refer to the campaign, and on Monday night Rev. G. A. Woodside of Zion Presbyterian Church, Brantford, will address a mass meeting of the people and lay before them their duty in this round.

ENEMY GUNS ACTIVE.

London, Wednesday, March 6-(Delayed).-Tonight's statement on military operations issued by the war office reads: "The enemy's artillery has been more active than usual south of St. Quentin and in the neighborhood of Bois Grenier. Some activity was also shown west of Camorai and southeast and northeast of

BOLTON FARMER INJURED.

Ypres.

George Ashdown, a farmer from Bolton, Ontario, was brought to To-ronto yesterday and taken to St. Michael's Hospital last night suffering from injuries sustained when he C. Parsons, Toronto, has been apon the belt of his straw-cutting pointed to the command of the Basingfell on the belt of his straw-cutting points to the points to the points of the points

GERMANS INTERESTED

Cologne Paper Professes to See British Fear Over Peace in East.

Amsterdam, March 7. - Some of the imperial German chancellor to re-ply in the reichstag and demand whether Lord Lansdowne speaks for himself or at the request of Premier Lloyd George.

The Cologne Volks Zeitung says: "The letter shows that the English eople are beginning to fear the consequences of the Russian and Ruanian peace and would like peace, 'before it is too late'."

The Rheinsche Westfaelische Zei tung considers Lord Lansdowne "too clever" in wishing to pacify Germany with paper guarantees regarding Belwhile Germany

AMERICAN TROOPS

SENT TO TRENCHES

Portion of Lorraine

Front.

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, March 6.—The American ent time. We look back on the year troops which have taken up their position on the Lorraine front were billing quite sure that in that period the Canadians corps more than did its they suddenly received orders to move share in helping to win the war. I to the front. They were transported that our laws, our system of justice,

believed by the multitude, is that during 1917 the battle easualities were States, quickly adapted themselves to their new surroundings.

Due to the fact that the ground is fairly high, the trenches are not con- or provinces or the distribution of tinuous because that is unnecessary, territory, it is not a war which we and they have remained fairly dry. The American patrols have been oper- because plots have been laid and carating nightly in conjunction with the

FLAX GROWERS TO SEE GOV-

London, March 7 .- At a meeting of the Flax Growers' Society today it was passionate shall still smile on decided to send a deputation to Ottawa to interview the government regarding labor for this year's crops. It was contended that the flax for linen for airplane wings and machine gun webbing was in great demand and should receive equal consideration should with food production.

MISSING SOLDIERS

American Patrol Evades Capture by Hiding in Shell Hole.

With the American Army in France, munications of all sorts, were at their night in the sector northwest of Tou,

out the day, the American anti-aircraft batteries driving off a number of enemy

Winnipeg Unions Demand Leniency for Objectors

Winnipeg, March 7-At a meeting of the trades and labor council tonight a resolution was passed asking the Western Team Confident of government to hold a full investigation nto the death of David Wells, the nscientious objector, who died in the asylum after being committed to prison for refusal to be drafted. They also ask that individual objectors be

of the government, with the members and officials of the mines in Sydney judge of play and Sydney Mines.

COAST SHIPYARD TROUBLES.

or Vancouver.

J. Baker, president of the Victoria ably lighter in weight, was no match for the locals as was evidenced by the score at half time, when they led the score at half time, Vancouver in consultation with representatives of the Vancouver Council.

TORONTO MAN IN COMMAND.

London, March 7. - Light -Col. W

IN LANSDOWNE LETTER ROOT GIVES PLEDGE OF BROTHERHOOD

the German papers, commenting on Lord Lansdowne's latest letter, urge With Britain in Struggle.

WAR AGAINST SLAVERY

Question is Whether World Will Come Under Prince of Darkness.

New York, March 7.-At a meeting held in honor of the Archbishop of York at Carnegie Hall here tonight Elihu Root assured the English prelate that the United States was "heart and soul" with Great Britain in the fight against German oppres-

Refegring to the message of enouragement sent to President Lincoin in 1862 by the people of Man-chester, England, Mr. Root read President Lincoln's reply and renewed the pledge of brotherhood contained in the

conviction, in purpose and determina-tion, proud to be with the men who have shown the manhood, the ism, the high courage, the self-devo-tion, the willingness to die for liberty that the men of Great Britain have shown in these times. We are proud our conception of liberty, our customs came from those fathers, out of whose loins sprang the men in the trenches upon the British line.

"The future of your children and ours depends upon the same struggle, ernment in this world is to con your children and ours will not be

"This is not a war about boundaries are entering because ships were sunk, ried on within our boundaries, or be-Sir Arthur Currie alludes in this French and have worked between the cause attempts have been made to It is a war to determine whether this world shall go back under the domination of the prince of darkness, out of the light, back to the days of despair and ignorance and slavery, or whether the God who is just and com

SHOULD APPLY FOR LEAVE

Representative.

Calgary, March 7 .- C. Rice-Jones the agricultural representative on the leave of absence board, states that in view of the vital impertance of inview of the vital impertance of increased production during the coming session every 'armer or farm laborer who is in uniform or who has been ordered to report for military service, should, as a duty to the country, immediately apply for leave of absence. There can be no doubt about their first duty, as while the company went into the hands of the about their first duty, as while the receivers a few menths ago and the last constant of the receivers a few menths ago and the was born in East Zorra. Township 70 creased production during the com- million dollars is involved in a ing session every armer or farm supreme court action which the Bank need of men is great, Canada recog-nizes that at present the need of in-ditors considerable concern. creased production on the prairies is greater. He further states that a for \$102.517.72 and interest, and a denumber of farmers and farm laborers have left with the last draft, when in the national interest they should have secured leave of absence to work on the farms during the com-

munications of all sorts, were at their worst. Furthermore, much of the supporting artillery had been engaged for months." Altogether, Sir Arthur Currie says, before they began there were obstacles to be overcome that would have discouraged any but the most stout-hearted, determined and confident troops. "The ridge had to be taken, and we were determined that it would be taken.

Carried Out to the Letter.

"We carried out our program to the letter," Sir Arthur Currie says, in concluding this part of his letter, "and that we were entirely successful testifies in the highest possible manner to the training, the discipline of the surport of the sector northwest of Tout, suddenly emerged from a shell hole close to the German lines today and made a dash across No Man's Land without a shot being fired at them.

WILL ASK AN INCREASE.

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Ottawa, March 7.—The local letter carriers will shortly memorialize the government for an increase in salary which would give the permanent carprise, They explained that they had lost their way in the dark.

The enemy artillery has not resumed its activity. The American guns today and whithout a shot being fired at them.

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There was much aerial activity thrush and timber rights in gunder date of July, 1917, and an association of the Missham and timber discovering summer.

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WINNIPEG YPRES **BEAT SASKATOON**

Winning Allan Cup in Toronto.

Sydney Mine Workers Settle

Wage Dispute With Bosses

Sydney N. S., March 7.—An amicable agreement has been reached between the workers in the Sydney mines and the management of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company regarding the scale of wages and the recognition of the union. This information was im—

elimination series nere tonight, the wall doubt that they are the proper team to represent the west in the final series to decide who will take possession of the Kitchener team at Tororto next week. Having won the first game 7 to 3 the locals had a margin of 11 goals on the round. They proved their superfority over the Saskatchewan champions in all departments of the game here tonight, outplaying in both periods by a large margin, having a lead of 4 to 6 at half-time and were full value for their three talkies in the second session. Line was recommended that all increases which normally would take place September be moved up to January of this year.

Saskatoon (0) .RoverKlassen .CentreKelly Right Officials: W. Noble, referee; Higgins,

LONDON QUINTET WINS.

Special to The Toronto World. 35 to 13. The Galt team, consider 16 to 3. The Galts were clever in their passing, but were smothered when they came within the goal zone. Burgess was the star of the visiting team, while the Londons played well together, Mascari and Maclean com-bining for the bulk of the points. Hen-

CANADIAN **CASUALTIES**

INFANTRY.

Killed in action—A. A. Wilson, England;
C. Wilson, Smith's Mills. Q., P. Lacy,
Brantford; W. St. Louis, Montreal; D.
Crittal, Strewn, Sask.; L.-Corp. J. M.
Buchanan, Sperling, Man.; J. F. Richmond, Calgary.

Died of wounds—J. F. Anderson, England; J. P. Lee, England; A. R. Campbell, Plaster Rock, N.B.; J. D. McDonald, Pisquid, P.E.I.

Cancei report presumed died, now with unit—E. Fairburn, St. Catharines, Ont.

Wounded—802566, F. T. Burns, Hamilton; J. H. Hiltz, Day Springs; F. Bazhenow, Russia; J. Pryan, Atherley, Ont.; C. W. Scott, St. John, N.B.; J. Edwards, England; Lt. C. V. Collins, Ancaster, Ont.; Capt. E. G. A. Smart, Lachine, Q.; Lt. L. C. Ritchie, St. John, N.B.

Gassed—H. W. Archer, Tacoma, Wn.; J. Hastings, Stratford, Ont.; D. R. Smith, Port Morlen, N.S.; G. Houle, Port Arthur; 800096, J. N. Pringle, 1113 College street, Toronto; D. M. McIntosh, Scotland.

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and. 111-2048817, W. J. Beale, 112 St. Clarens avenue, Toronto; G. E. Emmerson, Lethbridge, Alta.; 766828; W. G. Ingell, 31 Grant street, Toronto; G. Paine, Eng-

ARTILLERY. Died-L. A. Sparling, Swan Lake, Man.; dent Lincoln's reply and renewed the pledge of brotherhood contained in the message.

"We are with you in heart and soul," he continued, "in judgment and conviction, in purpose and determination."

Gunner G. Hbson, Scotland.

Wounded—E. Sears, not stated.

Gassed—J. W. Heatley, England; Corp.

G. Davidson, Fernie, B.C.

III—Gunner W. M. Clark, New Castle Creek, N.B.; Corp. T. Chesters, Hamilton.

> SERVICES. Wounded-P. Belford, Ireland. ENGINEERS.

Killed in action-J. D. Buchanan, Scot-CAVALRY

Died of wounds-C. Perdue, La Vallee, MOUNTED RIFLES. Prisoner of war-Lieut. H. E. Smith,

MACHINE GUN CO. Gassed-S. N. New, Isle of Wight FORESTRY CORPS. Wounded-T. J. Page, Penetang, Ont

HAMILTON NEWS

MILLION DOLLARS

Duty of Every Farm Laborer in Uniform Says Agricultural Bank of Montreal Institutes Supreme Court Action at Hamilton.

> claration that an assignment of book debts, dated May 18, 1914; a number of security receipts under section 88 of the Bank Act; a transfer of timber berths and timber rights under date of July, 1917, and an as-Company to the plaintiff as security and Mayme and Maude, Innerkip.

securities, or any of them. The plaintiff also asks for a declaration that the company was a partner with C. H. Taylor in the ownerof the Hamilton Lumber and Coal Company, and for the recovery of all indebtedness of the latter company to the Brennen Company and for an account of the transactions. In the case of Herbert Brennen, the plaintiff asks for an order that he turn over 58 preference shares and 100 common shares in the Hamilton Lumber and Coal Company, held by can make more money elsewhere. him as a trustee for the Brennen Company and for an accounting. That women should sit in the legislature and help make the laws of the land placed on the same footing as those who belong to a sect recognized as shut out by the score of 7 to 0 to the having religious tenets forbidding their sakatoon Quakers in the final game of vincial opposition during an address in the final game of the pro-

.....Corsalitz No Chinese Coolies Capable Of Working Nova Scotia Mines

Halifax, N.S., March 7.-In presenting the annual mines report in the house of assembly today Commissioner of Mines Ammstrong pointed out that the difficulties and dangers of mining in Nova Scotia increased each year; as the workings became deeper and many of them extended under the sea. the biggest week the British Vancouver, March 7.—The first sittings of the commission to enquire into the labor troubles at shippards of British Columbia will be held next Friday. The opposing parties will be instructed to appear with all evidence in the dispute at a meeting to be held in either Victoria or Vancouver.

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ITALIANS WANT PROTECTION.

Their Interests at Petrograd. Berne, Wednesday, March 6 .- The Italian Government has requested the the Swiss ambassador to Petrograd Russia.

HEARTY WELCOME TO GRAND LODGE Secretary of Association Cries "Hands Off" to the Private Interests.

Chatham Mayor and Alderdermen and County Lodges Present Addresses.

BIGGER MEMBERSHIP

A feature of this morning's session was the welcome tendered the visitors by Mayor Charles E. Clements, Alderman W. A. Hammond, and Alderman C. R. Stevenson as a deputation from the city council. Grand Master Hocken, Lieut.-Col. Belcher and E. T. Esery, K. C., of London replied in

fitting terms. A deputation from the True Blues, Lady Orange and County Orange Lodges of South Kent were admitted Institute Says Canada during the session this morning and presented addresses of welcome. Grand Master Hocken, M. P. for West Toronto, was congratulated on his elec tion to the house of commons in a resolution presented by a deputation from the Black Knights. Gratifying reports were presented to

from the Diagnetic forming and incomplete the convention today. Grand Secretary Fitzgrald showed that lodges were instituted in 11 localities during the past year, namely Springby, Whitby, Six Nations, Toronto, Alma, Sheddon, Kapuskasing, Port Whitby, Smooth Rock, Hearst, and Kirkland Lake. Returns received indicated that 2962 had been initiated during the year, 643 received by certificates, 555 reinstated. The number withdrawn by card was 760, 633 died, while 24 were spelled. The report further showed that 507 bretaren had made the supreme sacrifice in France and Flanders, 221 of this number having been killed in action during 1917. There was a gratifying increase in member ship during the year of 2,788.

The Grand Treasurer J. F. Harper, in his report on the financial condition of the order, stated the receipts during the year were \$19,483.11, exceeding those of last year by \$1,264.24, with a cash balance of \$9,013.77.

ZORRA PIONEERS DEAD

The convertible of the financial continues the proposition of the countries leases were granted that the decision of the central executive committee while recognizing that the German proposition of the control of the countries leases were granted that same favored forming and independent of the step of the steel and iron association and it was a microary that the supplies of the seal man troops one hundred miles from the capital man troops one hundred miles from the man troops one hundred miles from the man troops one hundred miles from the capital man troops one hundred miles from the terday regardless of the scapital and vision and it was agreed that it his should be deem defendent. An open the proposition and it was agreed that it his should be deem defendent. An open the proposition of the sold in the capital proposition and it was agreed that it has been been miles from the capital man troops one hundred man t

Hamilton, March 7.—Over one very suddenly last night to C. H. Hanwas born in East Zorra Township 70 years ago. An invalid widow, three sons and three daughters survive. Isaac Walton, another pioneer of East Zorra, is also dead following a deceased was born in Peterboro, but had resided in Oxford many years.

Besides the widow three sons and three daughters survive. They are Reuben and the coast with Captain Scott and six of his crew, arrived here today

Guelph Firemen Dissatisfied Two Likely to Resign if Promised

Raise is Not Forthcoming. Special to The Toronto World. Guelph, March 7.-There is considerable dissatisfaction among the members of the local police force because they did not get the promised raise \$100 in their salaries this year. When the police commissioners met an increase of \$100 and this was ex-

pected.

ACTED FOR COUNTRY ALONE.

London, March 6 - (Delayed) .was the vigorous contention of Wm.
Proudfoot, K. C., leader of the proof the admiralty, was right or wrong Saskatoon Quakers in the final game of climination series here tonight, the Winnipeg Tyres proved beyond all doubt that they are the proper team to represent the west in the final series to de-Law declared in the house of commons today, as spokesman for the government, in reply to criticisms of the first lord's action.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR SENTENCED.

to what denomination he belonged he could name no particular sect. BIG JUMP IN RECRUITING. New York, March 7. - Recruiting for the British and Canadian over-seas forces has taken a decided jump in the United States. Last week was

Boston March 7.-An aurora bor ealis of brilliant red was visible thruout New England tonight for a per-Ask Swiss Ambassador to Look After jod of about three hours. At the Harvard Observatory it was said that the blood red effect was rather unusual "northern lights" displays, white and greenish-hued flashes being most achy, 74198 A. Wilson. The following common, and that it resulted from petake charge of Italian interests in culiar electrical conditions in the up- Lieuts. G. A. Caldwell and W. G. Colper strata of the atmosphere.

NO TAMPERING WITH HYDRO-ELECTRIC

Special to The Toronto World. Windsor, March 7 .- Speaking before more than 300 members of the Borde Chamber of Commerce here this afternoon Thomas J. Hannigan, secretary of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Radial Association, declared that the people of the province have set their faces against any "tampering with the Hydro-Electric project by private interests," and that Report Shows New Orange
Lodges Were Instituted in
Eleven Localities.

Chatham, March 7.—The fifty-ninth annual convention of Grand Orange Lodge Ontario Wet. resumed in the First Presbyterian Church this morning with between five and six hundred delegates present from all parts of the district. Routine business of the lodge occupied three parts of today's deliberation. Owing to the large amount of business before the convention, it is quite possible that the sessions will be continued tomorrow morning.

IN THE DOMINION

ACADIAN SURVIVORS ARRIVE AT HALIFAX

Six of French Crew Escape From Wreck Off Newfoundland.

Halifax, N.S., March 7.-Sir surshort illness. Seventy-eight years ago vivors of the Erench steamer Acaof Sudbury, formerly a druggist in from St. Pierre, Miquelon. Their Woodstock, and Thompson and John names are P. C. Harris, Halifax of East Zorra. Jean of Parry Sound and Mayme and Maude, Innerkip. Foster, Halifax, and A. Morel, St. Pierre, and two Russian Second Mate Foster says that the Acadien, which sailed from Louis-burg on Feb. 15 for St. Pierre, encountered severe gales, and when off that port had her rudder smashed. The ship was blown to the northward, and Captain Scott decided to try for Burin, Nfld. The ship's engines were finally disabled and a sail was hoisted to keep her end on to the seas. Three miles from Burin light-house the Acadian was caught in the ice. Her distress signals were seen last Saturday a raise of \$50 was given to those who were entitled to it according to the schedule. Chief Randall stated this morning, however, that the commissioners last lear promised to the commissioners last lear promised to the lifetherm. the lifeboarts. He then ordered four of the officers into the boat, followed It is understood that at least two by two of the crew, but, before any of the men of the force will resign more could escape, the boat was torn if the raise is not forthcoming, as they away from the Akadian. The six men were picked up by the Ethie, whose captain decided that it was unsafe to remain there any longer. The Acadian was last seen showing distress flares Latter wreckage came ashore near Burin and one body was washed ashore.

WILL PROTECT BANKS.

Moose Jaw, Sask, March 7.—In addressing the evening session of the Sastatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities yesterday, Hon. George Langley, minister of municipal affairs, announced that the government had decided to protect the banks against any loss as the result of making advances for seed grain loans, in the event of a crop failure.

REDMOND'S FUNERAL

Winnipeg, March 7.—Arthur P. Carter, conscientious objector, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by Magistrate MacDonald in the city police court today. When asked to what denomination he belonged he mond's will, which is in Ireland, will opened within a day or two. GIBBONS BEATS CHIP. Scranton, Pa. March 7 .- Tom Gibbons of St. Paul defeated George Chip of Newcastle, Pa., in a tenround bout here tonight. Gibbons

other being about even.

sent DULUTH SEES NORTHERN LIGHTS. reply to the suggestion of Fuei Controller Magrath that Chinese coolle labor be brought to the Nova Scotia AURORA BOREALIS BRIGHT RED.

Week previous.

eiabcrate display of the aurora borealis ever seen in Duluth apeared tonight. The lights took the form of an eagle with full spread wings.

won nine of the ten rounds, with the

FOUR CANADIANS ESCAPE

London, March 7.-The following Canadian prisoners have escaped from Germany: 424496 A. G. Pankhurst, 622449 F. Wigby, 43752 S. C. McCon-Canadians are interned in Holland: quhoun.

GERMANS CAPTURE TOWN OF JAMBURG

Turks Also Continue Offensive in Armenia, Beyond Trebizond.

REPORTS CONTRADICT

Petrograd Soviets Vote in Favor of Accepting Peace Terms.

London, March 7 .- German troops have captured Jamburg, east of Narva, while the Turco-German offensive is the Turco-German offensive is continuing beyond Trebizond. says a Russian official agency despatch received here today. This action adds the statement, is despite the official announcement by the German high command that hostilities against Russia have ceased. Jamburg is on the railway line from Reval to Petrograd, and only 68 miles from the Russian capital. The Germans were reported in yesterday's despatches to have halted at Narva, approximately 100 miles from Petrograd.

Trebizond is on the Black Sea coast of Turkish Armenia. The Turks were reported to have reached the Trebizond region in their offensive when the recent peace treaty was signed.

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German advance eastward into Russia stopped early Tuesday, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Petrograd, but was hesumed during the Speaker at Canadian Mining Institute Says Canada
Adopts Wrong System.

Montreal, March 7.—The metal interests of the Canadian Mining Institute, held a separate meeting in the Windsor Hotel today and decided to organize a steel and iron section. Some of the metal men favored forming an independent steel and iron association and it was agreed that if this should be deemed necessary it could be done later. An

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The decision of the central executive committee of the soldiers' and workmen's council was arrived at in view of the lack of a strong army and the weakness of the German working class movement. The resolution adopted by the committee with 26 dissenting votes at the same time declared that the Russian people will never he reconciled to ian people will never be re he peace terms, and will a merely in order to gain time in which to gather fresh strength for another

struggle.

To a gathering of workmen's and soldiers' delegates at Moscow, M." Prokrovsky, leader of the second peace delegation at Brest-Litovsk, explained the treaty with the central powers. Deeply moved, he begged those in sympathy with the democratic revolution not to deceive themselves.

The new frontiers traced by Germany, M. Prokrovsky declared, constitute a ring of iron around revolutions. ring of iron around revolutionary Russia. He said the Germans were endeavoring to stifle the revolution, the conquests of which were reduced to nothing

the economic demands of Ber CHEMICALS CAUSE DISEASES.

New York, March 7.-An alarming ncrease in the number of cases of nsidious diseases among employes in munitions plants as the result of contact with chemicals used in the manu'acture of hig explosives was reported at the New York Academy of Medicine tonight by Dr. David Lynn Edsall, professor of clinical medicine at Harvard Uiversity. Dr. Edsall reported that it had been found that out of 30,000 persons exposed to these diseases, 2500 were more or

RESOURCES COMMITTEE. Earlscourt Citizens Have Been Invit-

ed to Form One. In connection with the Dominion Resources Commission delegates from the various ratepayers' and other organizations in Earlscourt have been invited to attend a meeting to be held in Central Methodist Church, Ascot avenue, next week, for the purpose of forming a local committee. Addresses will be delivered by representatives of the government and prominent residents.

TO OPPOSE DRAFT TREATIES.

Washington, March 7 .- Incidental to a debate over changes in the senate rules it was revealed today Senator Borah intends to fight open debate on the reciprocal treaties with Great Britain and Canada, which the foreign relations committee plans to recommend for ratifieation next week.

BIG FIRE IN CAPE BRETON.

Sydney Mines, C.B., March 7 .- Fire this morning destroyed the McRae block and several adjoining buildings and did damage totaling \$75,000. Only the work of the firemen prevenited the business section of the town from being burned. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

NOTICE

ELECTION EXPENSES.

I hereby certify that the total elec-tion expenses of William Findlay Maclean, one of the candidates in the Electorial District of York South, in the Dominion Election, held on in the Dominion Election, held on the 17th day of December, 1917, were \$2,114.22, as per detailed statement sent by J. A. Macdonald, the return-ing officer for the said electoral district of York South.

JOHN LANG,

Official agent of William Findley Maclean. The above statement is correct as received by me. J. A. MACDONALD, Returning Officer, York Sout